

BIND AND GAG MAN; LOOT SAFE OF \$4,500

Four Masked Robbers Enter Club in Broad Daylight and Overcome Waiter.

BRING REVOLVERS INTO PLAY

Leave Victim So Firmly Bound That He Struggles Half an Hour Before Being Able Even to Call for Help.

Armed with revolvers and wearing black masks that entirely concealed their features, four men forced open a safe in the room of the Saratoga Club, an organization occupying three rooms on the second floor of No. 98 West 27th street between 10 and 11 o'clock yesterday morning and took jewelry valued at \$4,200 and \$300 in cash, after which they made their escape. The robbery was committed after Alfred Luftgarten, a waiter employed in the club, who was asleep in the room where the safe stood, had been gagged and tied to a couch.

Half an hour after the departure of the men Luftgarten succeeded in removing the gag and shouted for help. His cries were heard by two men who were arranging stock in the clothing store of Ostreicher Brothers, on the ground floor of the building. They freed him, and Luftgarten hastened to the street and reported the robbery to Patrolman Connel of the Tenderloin station.

The case taken from the safe was the property of David Bernstein and Alfred and Louis Cohen, proprietors of the club. The jewelry, which consisted of rings, earrings and stickpins, with diamond and other settings, was the property of the Sovinins.

About 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning Bernstein closed the restaurant on the second floor and left the three rooms occupied by the Saratoga Club in charge of Luftgarten, who has been employed there several months. After sweeping the floor of the front room and arranging the cooking utensils in the kitchen in the rear, Luftgarten went to sleep on a couch in a small partitioned room between the dining room and the kitchen.

Gagged and Bound to Couch.

About 10 o'clock he was awakened, and saw four men, all of whom had revolvers, bending over him. One of the men, who spoke with a Greek accent, placed the barrel of a revolver close to the waiter's head and told him to make no outcry. The others took a sheet, tore it into strips and securely tied Luftgarten to the couch. His shirt was twisted and thrust in his mouth. He was also blindfolded with a strip of cloth tied tightly about his head.

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MATZOTS FOR THE POOR

Organization Aids Coming Celebration of Passover.

One week from to-day, Monday, April 1, the Jews of this city will begin the celebration of the Feast of the Passover. The first seder night is celebrated only by reform Jews, and the orthodox members of the religion celebrate the first two days. The Passover lasts for eight days, during which period the Jews abstain from all bread, taking in its place matzoth.

As many of the poor Jewish families of the East Side cannot afford to buy these matzoth, the various Jewish societies throughout the city will distribute thousands of pounds of the unleavened bread free to those who ask for it. The leading organization in this work of distribution is the United Hebrew Community, which yesterday began to give away 50,000 pounds of matzoth to the poor from the headquarters of the organization, at No. 185 East Broadway.

More than one thousand poor families appeared at the headquarters yesterday and received matzoth, meat, sugar and wine. Nathan Lampert, president of the organization, presided over the distribution. The United Hebrew Community was aided in the work by the Edward Rosenstein Association, of No. 180 Broome street, the Krasnauer Charitable Society and other downtown organizations.

It is a part of the law of the Feast of the Passover that no dishes which are used ordinarily shall be used during this holiday; consequently, many Jewish families will buy new chinaware to-day and during the rest of the week.

At the Passover is virtually the Jewish Easter, all the women will adorn themselves with new Easter bonnets, and the millinery shops along Grand street are awaiting the advent of the buyers with a comprehensive stock.

SEES NO HOPE IN SUFFRAGE

Jersey State Charities Expert Says Women Are Bad as Men.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.]

East Orange, N. J., March 24.—"Granted man is seven times a knave and seventeen different kinds of a fool, I am not convinced that the muddle he has made of representative government will be unmended by woman when she gets the vote, as she inevitably will," said Royal Meeker, president of the State Conference of Charities and Correction, at its first session here this afternoon. He digressed briefly from his arrangement of the public school system to talk about woman suffrage, which he said he believed in.

"I cannot see that woman has demonstrated her superiority over man in the management of affairs," he continued. "Judging by her success in managing her household, she has proved she bears a close resemblance to man—that men and women are first and foremost human and only secondarily and subordinately male and female."

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TWO WOMEN KILLED BY GAS

Had Been Dead Six Hours When Ambulance Arrived.

Two women were found dead from illuminating gas in rooms on the first floor of a six story tenement house at No. 59 Cook street, Williamsburg, yesterday afternoon. They were Mrs. Hannah Cohen, a widow, sixty-seven years old, and Mrs. Minnie Gross, eighty years old. Mrs. Cohen lay dead in bed and Mrs. Gross on a couch. Gas had escaped from a rubber pipe which had become disconnected from a small gas stove.

A family living over the rooms occupied by Mrs. Cohen was the first to detect the odor of escaping gas. It was soon learned that the trouble was in Mrs. Cohen's apartments, and Patrolman Carroll, of the Stagg street station, who was summoned, forced an entrance. When he discovered the bodies he sent for an ambulance from the Williamsburg Hospital.

Slips Gag After Struggle.

Luftgarten heard the men close the door leading from the restaurant into the second floor hallway. He attempted to free his hands, but his efforts were without avail. He then undertook the task of removing the gag from between his teeth. He twisted his head and succeeded in loosening the knotted rag. After struggling for half an hour he removed the gag sufficiently to call for help.

When freed the waiter glanced into the safe, and found that nothing of value had been left in it by the robbers. Scattered on the floor were two jimmies three feet in length, drills of various dimensions, and a length of pipe which, the detectives believe, was used in conjunction with the jimmies as a lever. Commissioner Dougherty took charge of the investigation.

HASN'T HEARD VICTIM DIED

Boy Scout To Be Arraigned Today for Slaying Lad.

Twelve-year-old Maitland Jarvis, of No. 136 Clay avenue, The Bronx, who was arrested at 1 o'clock Sunday morning at his home for the killing of Henry Luckhardt, nine years old, of No. 333 Third avenue, will not know until he is arraigned before Coronet Schwannecroft to-day that his victim is dead.

Yesterday the Boy Scout turned to Detective McCarten and asked: "How is he?"

"He is, oh, he's only seriously injured," replied the detective.

Young Jarvis seemed relieved.

Mrs. Mauree Jarvis is now grief-stricken over the affair. She could not understand how her son came into possession of the fatal rifle.

"Maitland never owned a rifle, except an air gun," she said, "and this was thrown away two years ago, when it got out of order."

The police learned that the boy had borrowed the rifle from a family in 36th street, near Park avenue. This was late on Saturday afternoon, after young Jarvis returned from a walk with the John B. McClellan Camp of Boy Scouts.

James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, issued a statement last night, saying:

From a personal investigation of the incident I found that Maitland Jarvis, accused of the shooting, is affiliated with an organization in The Bronx claiming to be Boy Scouts, but which is in no way identified with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America are definitely opposed to boys having firearms as part of their equipment. We have refused part and again to enroll troops which have been connected with other organizations where firearms have been permitted unless they gave up the use of the rifle as part of their equipment.

INCREASE FOR SILK WORKERS.

More than two hundred of the six hundred girls employed at the Schwarzenbach-Huber silk mills, Bayonne, who went on strike have returned to work with an increase in demands to the firm calling for a general increase of 30 per cent and time and a half for all overtime. The demands were rejected by the firm.

HOLD MANY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Men and Religion Forward Movement Active.

SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

Elaborate Plans Made for Conservation Congress in New York Campaign in April.

The Brooklyn Men and Religion Forward Movement conducted nineteen regular meetings yesterday, and many special services were also held in various churches. The biggest meeting was held at the Academy of Music at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. More than two thousand men attended. The speaker was Fred B. Smith. Music was furnished by the Association Quartet and the male chorus of the Brooklyn Sun School Choir. This meeting was held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Yesterday was one of the red letter days of the eight-day campaign which started last Tuesday. Many churches conducted special prayer meetings at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. The nineteen regular meetings came at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Meetings for the older boys were held in each of the thirteen districts into which the workers have divided the borough.

At the same time mass meetings for men were held at four branches of the Young Men's Christian Association. The Rev. Dr. Parker's Adams spoke at the Bedford branch, the Rev. Dr. Francis Drake spoke at the Eastern District branch, Robert H. Elder spoke at the Greenpoint branch and W. E. Riedewolff at the 26th Ward branch. Another mass meeting for men was held at the Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal Church. There W. R. Lane spoke.

At 7 o'clock in the evening many of the churches held special prayer meetings and the pastors conducted services for men and boys afterward. The meetings all over the borough were well attended.

Much work is planned for to-day and tomorrow. A great number of meetings will be held in the thirteen districts and at various schools to-day. To-morrow the workers will hold several conferences, the final one to be held at the Central Congregational Church, at 9 o'clock in the evening, when all the workers will get together for the last time.

A conservation congress will be held in Carnegie Hall at the end of the New York campaign of the Men and Religion Forward movement. The dates set for the event are April 19 to 24, inclusive. The object of the congress, which will be national in scope, is to sum up the experience of the year's work in the various cities of the United States and to plan for its continuance in other parts of the world.

It is hoped that President Taft will speak at the opening session of the congress. Others who have already consented to deliver addresses at one or more of the sessions are Archdeacon Thomas F. McFadden, of Liverpool; J. A. McDonald, of Toronto; William Jennings Bryan, Bishop David H. Greer, Bishop William V. McDonald, the Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, the Rev. Dr. John F. Carson, of Brooklyn; John Mitchell, Robert E. Speer, John R. Mott, Professor E. A. Steiner, Booker T. Washington, Professor George L. Robinson, Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago; the Rev. Dr. James E. Freeman, William T. Ellis and Ex-Governor Northern.

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FOOTPADS FRIGHTENED AWAY

Two Brooklyn Men Assaulted Within Short Distance of Each Other.

An unidentified man attacked Joseph O'Gorman, a longshoreman, at No. 457th street, Greenpoint, in Clay street, near Manhattan Avenue, early yesterday morning. The assailant had been concealed in a dark doorway, and when he jumped on the longshoreman he blackjacked him with one hand and with the other began to choke him. As O'Gorman fell the assailant was about to go through his pockets, when footsteps evidently frightened him, and he disappeared in the direction of Newtown Creek.

A patrolman of the Greenpoint Avenue station was attracted by O'Gorman's groans and summoned an ambulance from the Eastern District Hospital, and after being treated by Dr. Schwartz, O'Gorman went home.

Mr. Penstel, a mechanic, of No. 85 Park Avenue, was the second victim attacked yesterday morning, within a short distance of the first assault. Penstel told the police that he was on his way home, when a man jumped out from a dark doorway and attacked him. The patrolman, at 7:30 a.m., expected to find this forenoon.

Marine Intelligence.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise, 5:56; sunset, 6:18; moon sets, 1:04; moon's age, 7.

HIGH WATER.

Sandy Hook, 12:25—12:01; Governor's Island, 12:01—11:56; Hell Gate, 1:51—2:06.

WIRELESS REPORTS.

The Rachamim, reported to be 780 miles east of Sandy Hook at 7:15 a.m. yesterday, is expected to dock at New York at 10:30 a.m. to-morrow. It reported as 650 miles east of Sandy Hook at 7:15 a.m. yesterday, in expected to dock Tuesday afternoon.

The Franklin, reported as 192 miles east of Sandy Hook at 4:45 p.m. yesterday, is expected to dock this forenoon.

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel. Line. Date.

Kronprinz. Antwerp, March 16. Red Star.

Minnetonka. New York, March 16. French.

Albion. Colon, March 19. Panama.

Bermudia. London, March 23. Quebec.

Oceanus. San Juan, March 26. N. Y. & P. E. Sophie H. America.

Georgina. London, March 28. Italian.

Hamburg. Hamburg, March 9. Hamburg-American.

Manzanillo. Orizaba, March 12. Ward.

Palermo. March 29. Uruguay.

Hamburg. Hamburg, March 29. Hamburg-American.

Cresole. El Mendo. Manila, March 29. Pacific.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.

K. A. Victoria. Manila, March 15. Hamburg-American.

Thames. Kingston, March 22. R. M. S. Empress of Canada.

Carpathia. Liverpool, March 18. Cunard.

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